

A troubling matter has recently come to my attention. Sinclair Broadcasting is planning to air the documentary "Stolen Honor" on their stations in the near future. From what I have heard, this documentary is very slanted in its opinion of John Kerry and his actions during the period of the Vietnam war. This documentary will be broadcast over the public airwaves. I have heard about this documentary from several media sources.

Political opinion has its place in the media. Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 911" has been showing in theatres, and various interest groups (Swiftboat Veterans, Texans for Truth, etc.) have been airing paid advertisements advocating their positions, but no one has gone to this length to present a one-sided view on broadcast TV free of charge.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important

that we see real  
people from our own  
communities and more  
substantive news  
about issues that  
matter.

Sinclair's actions  
show why we need to  
strengthen media  
ownership rules, not  
weaken them. They  
show why the license  
renewal process  
needs to involve  
more than a returned  
postcard. Thank you.